അയാൾ അനുവദിച്ചിരുന്നു. ഇപ്പോൾ കടത്തു മറ്റൊരാൾ ലേലം വിളിച്ചതിനാൽ ആ കടത്തു ഇറങ്ങിയാൽ അവിടെനിന്നു പുറത്തേക്കു വരുവാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ലാതെയാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്. ഈ കടത്തിറങ്ങുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തു ഒരു സ്ലൂസ് ഇട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടു്. അതിലെ പലകകളുടെ ഉള്ളിൽ കൂടികടക്കുവാനും തരമില്ല. ഒരിഞ്ചു പുറംപോക്കുസ്ഥലംപോലും ഇല്ലാത്ത സ്ഥലത്താണു് ഈ കടത്തു വെച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ കടത്തിറങ്ങിയാൽ പുറത്തേക്കു വരുവാനുള്ള ഒരു പരിഹാരംകൂടി ആ സ്ഥലത്തു ഉടനടിയുണ്ടാക്കിത്തരണമെന്നുള്ള ഒരപേക്ഷമാത്രമാണു് ഞാൻ ഈ ഖണ്ഡനോപക്ഷേപംകൊണ്ടു ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴുത്തശ്ശൻ: ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ പിൻതാങ്ങുന്നു.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Sir, I like touring very much and I intend touring throughout the length and breadth of the State if possible in almost all the villages (hear, hear); and I have got reports from my departments that the work will be undertaken at the earliest possible opportunity. But before it is done I wish to satisfy myself whether it is very urgent and if it is urgent, it will be done quickly. With this assurance I hope the Hon'ble Member will not press the cut.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഈ ഉറപ്പിന്മേൽ ഞാൻ എന്റെ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ സഭയുടെ അനുവാദത്തോടുകൂടി പിൻവലിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Cut Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Demand put and carried

3 Panchayats—(Cranganur)—Rs. 3,089

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 3,089 under "3 Panchayats—Cranganur." I do not propose to make a speech. I request that the amount may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

30—Public Works—Rs. 38,83,504

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Sir, I rise to move an allotment of Rs. 38,83,504 under 30—Public Works.

I have listened with great profit and interest to the several speeches made by the Hon'ble Members during the General discussions of the Budget. I think it would be of help and of interest to the Hon'ble Members if I should make a statement at this stage on some of the important subjects which have a direct connection with the activity of the P. W. D. referred to by the Hon'ble Members.

The importance which industrial development will have in the post-war period has focussed attention on the development of hydro-electric power in the State. We have at present an industrial load amounting to 6728 H. P. Means have, therefore, to be found for the provision of this power in the State if we do not want to see the unwelcome sight of these industries migrating elsewhere. The Peringalkuttu Hydro-Electric Scheme, as recommended to us, by the famous firm of Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Rendal Palmer and Tritton was worked out in two stages. The first stage provided for the installation of 5,000 K. W. and in the second stage 10,000 K. W. The Chalakkudi river at the site of the Poringalkuttu falls has a catchment area of 370 sq. miles and the run off in the river up to the 1st of January is generally over 500 cusecs which is sufficient to generate about 16,000 K. W. or 20,000 H. P. But after February till June the river dries up quickly and the run-off goes down to as low as even 30 cusecs though it be for a few days. It is to equalise the flow during these dry months that storage works become necessary and the availability of such storage sites really limits the maximum capacity of the station. We have already applied to the Government of India for priority for the supply of machinery for this scheme. In the meanwhile it is our intention to continue the preparation of detailed estimates for this scheme so as to be in a position to start the works as soon as it becomes possible. Sir Henry Howard has also kindly consented to give us his help in this matter.

Another point which has attracted the attention of the members to a marked degree is the provision for an adequate water supply to the littoral areas in Cochin. I need not remind the House that we have been in the midst of a war for the past six years. During this time every commodity has been controlled and more than iron and steel. It has been impossible to get

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